



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

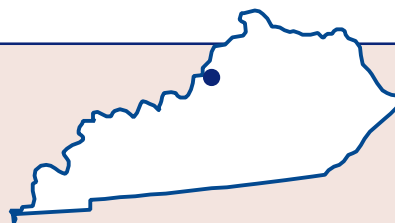
Louisville, KY

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Louisville was selected to receive an assessment grant. The city is focusing brownfields redevelopment efforts on its federally designated Enterprise Community (EC). Almost a quarter of the EC is made up of brownfields. Many of these brownfields are vacant or underused factories that grew along rail corridors, but are now eyesores and blight to the neighborhoods they once served. West Louisville, which constitutes a significant portion of the EC, has poverty and unemployment rates that are three times regional rates. Although economically distressed, the area has good access to transportation and an existing infrastructure that will encourage redevelopment. The city's goal is to create a sustainable eco-



Assessment Grant

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\$350,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Louisville for a brownfields assessment grant. The city will use grant funding to conduct assessments at a site in West Louisville, most of which is within the city's federally designated Enterprise Community. Grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and Phase II site assessments and to involve the community in redevelopment planning.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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<http://www.epa.gov/region4/waste/bf/index.htm>

Grant Recipient: City of Louisville, KY
502-574-2512

Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Louisville has received brownfields funding for assessment and revolving loan fund grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

nomie base through a strategy that emphasizes private, for-profit business growth; job development; and sustainable reuse of brownfields sites.